

REMARKS

Claims 25-48 are pending in this application. By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-24 have been cancelled, claims 25-48 have been added, and the Abstract has been replaced.

Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-24 are cancelled.

Claims 25-48 are added as new claims.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

The Abstract is changed as follows:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A device for guiding a continuous strip [(S)] past a marking unit, which is arranged to non-mechanically provide markings on at least one strip surface, [comprises] includes a longitudinal channel [(220)] for receiving the strip [(S)]. The channel [(220)] is at least partly defined by guiding elements [(222, 222')] which] that are arranged for abutment against the strip [(S)] from opposite sides of the channel [(220)]. At least one of the guiding elements [(222, 222')] is displaceable and biased towards the channel [(220)]. In this device, the strip can be positioned with high-precision without being subjected to excessive frictional forces during the marking operation, to minimize any interference with the motion of the strip.